implemented in two districts through Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Bihar. 20 programmes for skill and technology upgradation have also been conducted with SIDBI's support in Bihar.

(c) As part of its andeavour to serve the small scale industrial sector better, SIDBI has opened a second branch office in Bihar at Jamshedour, the other being in Patna. SIDBI has also reported that it would extend financial support to all the credit worthy proposals emanating from the State of Bihar.

(d) Does not arise.

Developament Package for Jammu and Kashmir

4314. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered a package for economic and social deveopment of Jammu and Kashmir; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any special scheme to provide incentives to industrialists to attract them to set up industrial units in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir. In order to accelerate the development process in Jammu & Kashmir, Prime Minister has announced a package in both Houses of Parliament on 23.7.96 and 2.8.96 to take up some important projects and also to complete on going projects on top priority. Some of these projects are:

Projects

(i) Construction of 290 Kms. Railway Line from Udhampur to Baramulla as a national projects.

(ii) Construction of Mughal Road as a dependable alternative link between Jammu & Kashmir; and

(iii) Completion of Dulhasti and Uri Hydro Projects in the State to provide much needed relief to the power starved state.

In addition, the following measures are taken to revive economic activities in the State:—

Debt relief to small businesses affected by militancy

With a view to provide immediate succour and relief to the people engaged in trades like tourism, small scale industries, transport and hotel etc. who were worst affected due to militancy during the last 6 to 7 years, the Government proposes to write off the outstanding loans and interest of all borrowers whose original borrowing is less than or upto Rs. 50,000/- so as to enable them to seek fresh loans from banking sector to restart their businesses. For borrowers above Rs. 50,000 an Inter-Ministrerial Committee has been constituted to look into the question.

Special Central Plan Assistance to J&K state for 1996-97

Special Central Plan assistance of Rs. 663 crores and Special Plan Loan of Rs. 100 crore was provided in 1996-97 so as to bridge the gap on non-plan side so that the entire plan outlay could be utilised for development schemes. The Annual Plan for the State was further enhanced to Rs. 1250 crores which has been fully funded by the Central Government.

Infrastructural development for tourism in Leh district

An Amount of Rs. 2.40 crores is being allocated for setting up of Convention/ Conference Centre in Leh to give further fillip to tourism in the area.

Development of airport at Kargil

High priority is being given to the development of Kargil Airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores. In the meanwhile, the Government have

introduced a weekly helicopter service to Kargil in the winter months instead of the earlier arrangements of a fortnightly service. Necessary subsidy would be borne by the Government.

(b) For the promotion of Industries in the State, the following Package of Incentive/steps has been taken:—

30% Capital Investment subsidy on machinery, land and building, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30.00 lakhs.

100% subsidy on the cost of Generating sets ranging in capacity from 100 KVA to 1 KVA

5% rebate of interest of working capital

Income tax holiday for 5 years

Price preference @ 12.2% for products manufactured by the SSI unit-holders.

Exemption from payment of toll tax to SSI units on purchase of raw material from outside the State and on sale of finished goods outside the State.

100% subsidy on purchase of Quality Control Testing equipment.

Provision of power to Industrial units @ 0.48 per unit which is lowest in the country.

Growth Centre at Samba on the National Highway near Jammu is being developed at a cost of Rs. 30.00 crores. It shall provide all required facilities like roads, water supply, electricity, telecommuni- cation, Conference Hall and other facilities over an area of 838 acres.

Another Growth Centre is proposed to be developed in the Kashmir Valley at Ompura/Lassipora.

An Industrial Estate, under the Central Govt. scheme of Integrated Infrastructure Development, is being set up at a cost of Rs. 5.00 crores at Battal Balian, Udhampur District over an area of 120 acres. About 500 developed plots will be available for entrepreneurs.

Another Industrial Estate over an area of 238 acres is being developed near Jammu In Kartholi. It will be a composite Estate for small as well as medium/large Industrial units.

An Entrepreneurial Development Institute is proposed to be set up at Srinagar for providing training to entrepreneurs, at a cost of around Rs. 2.00 crores.

An Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) is also proposed to be set up with the assistance of the Government of India in Jammu.

The National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) has set up an office in Jammu. The Corporation has also established a Raw Material Depot for supply of scarce raw materials like aluminium, oils, copper, paraffin wax, wire rod, plastic granules to SSI units and made arrangements for training of entrepreneurs. It has already organised a training programme for 25 prospective and present SSI unit holders. The Corporation will also provide the following facilities:

(i) finance for purchase of machinery on Hire purchase and lease basis and for raw material/ working capital;
(ii) bill discounting facility to SSI Units; and
(iii) marketing facility for SSI products and single point Registration for Govt. purchase.

Officers/staff brought to the Headquarters from field offices of DGET

4315. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of officers/staff are brought to the Headquarter from field offices of DGET, Ministry of Labour on temporary transfer basis;